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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN IMPORT REGULATIONS FOR CORN SEED

REF: STATE 35695

1. EMBASSY DISCUSSED CORN SEED QUESTION WITH BALINT NAGY, CHIEF OF PLANT PROTECTION, MINAG, WHO VISITED U. S. IN SEPTEMBER. ACCORDING NAGY, IN COURSE OF HIS DISCUSSIONS IN US WITH USDA OFFICIALS AND WITH PRODUCERS AND IN SUBSEQUENT TALKS WITH MARTINSON WHO VISITED HUNGARY AGAIN IN NOVEMBER, AGREEMENT REACHED ON CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH US CORN SEED COULD BE IMPORTED TO HUNGARY. THESE CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN COMMUNICATED TO US PRODUCERS THROUGH HUNGARIAN GRAIN TRADING COMPANY, AGRIMPEX. BASICALLY CORN SEED WHICH IS CERTIFIED DISEASE- FREE CAN BE SHIPPED TO HUNGARY.

2. NAGY MADE CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT CERTIFICATION OF OF SEED MUST BE MADE BY USDA, RATHER THAN BY STATE OF IDAHO. NAGY SAID WHEN IN US HE WAS TOLD ALL INTERNATIONAL SHIPMENTS WERE CERTIFIED BY NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AUTHORITIES.

3. EMBASSY ASSUMES PROSPECTIVE SWEET CORN SEED EXPORTER REFERRED TO PARA 3 REFTEL UNAWARE OF LATEST DEVELOPMENTS WHICH EMERGED FROM NAGY VISIT US AND MARTINSON VISIT
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HERE. USDA MAY WISH TO DISCUSS THESE WITH EXPORTER. WE
WOULD ONLY ADD THAT CORN SEED QUESTION INVOLVES NOT ONLY
SWEET CORN BUT ALSO FIELD CORN SEED NEEDED FOR CPS PROGRAM,
AS WELL AS SEED NEEDED FOR PRODUCTION POPCORN.
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